

FOREWORD

The Constitution of Texas included in this edition of the Texas Legislative Manual is an exact copy of the original of 1876 with amendments, including those adopted on November 5, 1940. Spelling, punctuation, et cetera, will be found exactly as in the original documents on file in the office of the Secretary of State. The section headings have been added for convenience, and do not appear in the originals. Two sections numbered 16 appear in Article 7 because both were adopted as such through error, the first Section 16, an amendment, evidently having been overlooked when the second Section 16 was proposed and adopted. These sections deal with entirely different subjects.

The rules of the House of Representatives, Forty-seventh Legislature, were revised completely before adoption, many new rules being framed to describe procedure which previously had been followed only by custom, and many points, in question because of conflicting decisions in the past, were clarified.

This revision, which came after many weeks of careful study, represents the greatest step forward in clarification and coordination taken in many years. Need for only one or two changes developed during the Regular Session. Attention to these has been called at the proper places.

Congressional precedents appearing herein were taken from *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives* which gives precedents up to 1904, and from *Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives*, the recently published supplement to Hinds'. The new work covers the period from 1904 to 1935. Wherever Congressional precedents appear in the Rules of either the House or the Senate they are followed by the reference, e.g. (H. P., V, 5760) or (C. P., VIII, 3070). The first part of the reference is to Hinds' Precedents or to Cannon's Precedents, the second to the volume, and the last to the section.

The general arrangement of annotations and precedents given in the Rules of the House and in the Rules of the

Senate is as follows: Following a particular rule, first appears any annotation found to be necessary or helpful. All annotations are in brackets. After the annotation, if any, will be found, in smaller type, Texas legislative precedents. These have italicized headings. Following the Texas legislative precedents, if any, appear the Congressional precedents in point or closely related. Where necessary, annotations in brackets have been placed in the Congressional precedents to aid in their interpretation in the light of Texas legislative practice.

All of the indexes contained herein have been revised and enlarged, particular attention being paid to the index to the Rules of the House because of the major revisions in those rules.

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